# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



## FISCAL NOTE

## SB 449 - HB 968

February 23, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Expands certain traffic enforcement powers, such as the driver license law and the seat belt law, to law enforcement in municipalities with populations of less than 10,000 if the municipality has been designated as an urban area by the U.S. Census and the law enforcement agency is accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increase State Revenue - \$600

Increase Local Revenue - Not Significant

## Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Safety, approximately 50 additional violations will be reported. The average penalty is a fine of \$15, which is remitted to the state. Twenty percent of fines will not be paid due to indigence.
- State revenue will increase approximately \$570 [(50 violations x \$15 x 80% collection rate) \$30 remitted to court clerk = \$570].
- Court clerks receive five percent of the fine. Local revenue will increase approximately \$30 (5% of \$600).

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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